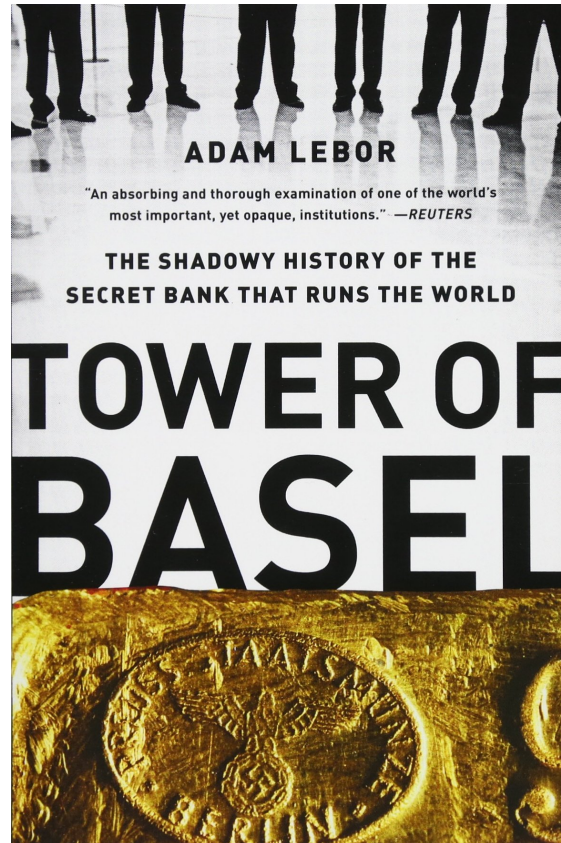


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Description:

Tower of Basel is the first investigative history of the world's most secretive global financial institution. Based on extensive archival research in Switzerland, Britain, and the United States, and in-depth interviews with key decision-makers—including Paul Volcker, the former chairman of the US Federal Reserve; Sir Mervyn King, governor of the Bank of England; and former senior Bank for International Settlements managers and officials—Tower of Basel tells the inside story of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS): the central bankers' own bank. Created by the

governors of the Bank of England and the Reichsbank in 1930, and protected by an international treaty, the BIS and its assets are legally beyond the reach of any government or jurisdiction. The bank is untouchable. Swiss authorities have no jurisdiction over the bank or its premises. The BIS has just 140 customers but made tax-free profits of 1.17 billion in 2011–2012. Since its creation, the bank has been at the heart of global events but has often gone unnoticed. Under Thomas McKittrick, the banks American president from 1940–1946, the BIS was open for business throughout the Second World War. The BIS accepted looted Nazi gold, conducted foreign exchange deals for the Reichsbank, and was used by both the Allies and the Axis powers as a secret contact point to keep the channels of international finance open. After 1945 the BIS—still behind the scenes—for decades provided the necessary technical and administrative support for the trans-European currency project, from the first attempts to harmonize exchange rates in the late 1940s to the launch of the Euro in 2002. It now stands at the center of efforts to build a new global financial and regulatory architecture, once again proving that it has the power to shape the financial rules of our world. Yet despite its pivotal role in the financial and political history of the last century and during the economic current crisis, the BIS has remained largely unknown—until now.

Founded in 1930 ostensibly to administer German reparation payments for the First World War but its real purpose as detailed in the Statutes: promote the cooperation of central banks and to provide ... facilities for international finance. and to act as a bank for central banks. was later added. The BIS also facilitates the sale and purchase of gold between central banks and is one of the worlds largest holders of gold. The BIS is not subject to Swiss laws or taxes and authorities may only enter their offices with permission. Some six hundred staff from more than fifty countries do not pay income taxes and their bags are free from searches. Reparations were a back-and-forth contentious object of negotiations between the subject nations until 1921 when the Reparations Commission reported that Germany would pay 2 billion marks a year until an agreed upon 132 billion gold marks was paid. This agreement would later become less than relevant when the German economy, and finances, proved incapable of performing on these commitments while internally competing interests struggle to survive. Hyperinflation was the result as Germans wrestled with soaring unemployment, social chaos, food shortages and Marxist militants in the streets where hostages were seized and shot. Taxes were raised and four hundred thousand public workers were sacked. 1939. The BIS board installed the powerful industrialist and CEO of I G Farben, the fourth largest concern in the world, a German chemical giant. Products included pharmaceuticals, explosives, fuel, paints, pesticides, fertilizer, tires, poison gases... Farben ran its own concentration camp at Auschwitz. Through BIS the Third Reich enjoyed state sponsored theft of Jewish businesses aided by criminal actions of the Reichsbank. Ethical considerations were not a part of BIS values where right or wrong were absent from the banks rubric. Many of the materials used in the Blitzkrieg came from Farben. Reichsbank is referred to as the financial motor of war, plunder, and genocide. In Germany a fifth of all housing was destroyed, food production was half its prewar levels, output was one-third that of 1938, many goods were rationed, wages and prices were controlled, and the black market prospered. The Reichsbank was abolished and supplanted with a new central bank, and currency, while Germanys recovery was rooted in the Third Reichs infrastructure and other assets that exceeded values of 1936. Mostly this was because armament and other German companies reinvested massive profits. Page 159 details the destinies of many Nazi enablers including I G Farben executives, camp doctors connected to prisoner experiments, 104 convicted Nuremberg defendants, and noteworthy especially is a commuted death sentence of one defendant who had personally supervised a mass execution of seven hundred victims. In 1977 BIS moved into new quarters inside an eighteen story building in Basel and the staff also had access to in-house medical services, a bomb shelter, a canteen for lunch, a restaurant on the top floor, and a country club outside of Basel with swimming and tennis. Ah, the Tower of Basel would become an increasing metaphoric reference by many observers and especially by critics of the arcane protector of pecuniary interests. The euro was a monstrous creation... It was completely misdesigned, so said economists from business interests but politicians from Germany, France, and Belgium were au contraire in their academic rhetoric which finally prevailed. In the final chapter author Adam LeBor muses about the BIS as an opaque elitist, and anti-democratic institution that should have been closed in the thirties before it funded the Holocaust and the Nazi war machine and before the birth of the European Central Bank. Instead it has prospered by opacity, secrecy and by a shield of protective and unique legal immunities. This books 275 pages are filled with narratives of endemic corruption and greed, self-serving insider trading, the moral indifference of high level executives, the financial facilities for the Nazis Third Reich through the Reichsbank and the BIS, all aided by the complicity of American financiers and lawyers.

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